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22. COBRA AND LITTLE BITTERN *IXOBRYCHUS MINUTUS*

On the morning of 5th August I had the opportunity to collect a cobra (*Naja naja oxiana*) lying dead on the bank of river Tawi (360 m), with a little bittern stuck in its throat. Examination confirmed that the snake had

died in the struggle to swallow the little bittern (*Ixobrychus minutus*) which was comparatively large in size and there were no bruises or even scratches on the body of the snake.

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